Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022 at 02:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a much colder spell than of late, with a return to winter conditions. Low confidence for rain and snow bands and freezing levels on Friday, and details over the weekend, with a chance of milder conditions arriving from the west.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022: Much colder with sunny spells and occasionally heavy snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
10%	30%	40%	50%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Weather: Largely dry but a few scattered snow showers near the coast in the north to start the day. Cloud soon increasing, bringing scattered snow showers, mainly north of the Fannichs in the morning. Showers more widespread in the afternoon, occasionally heavy with a risk of thunder. Sunny spells between showers. Mostly dry in the evening with clearing skies, a few showers continuing in the far north.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% in the north, 70% in the south

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility outside of showers and low cloud, but falling to a few hundred metres or less in passing snow showers. Cloud frequently lowering to 900m in the morning, 1100m early afternoon mainly across the Fannichs and further north. Only occasional cloud across ranges further south.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/30 NE	19/24 N	19/25 N	26/33 NE	22/29 NE	24/30 NE	16/20 N
900	22/26 NE	18/23 N	18/25 N	24/31 NE	20/26 NE	22/27 NE	14/18 N
600	13/17 NE	15/21 NE	16/22 N	20/27 NE	16/22 NE	13/18 NE	10/15 N
300	4/22 NE	5/19 N	8/22 N	7/26 NE	5/22 NE	5/22 NE	3/15 N
Glen	11/25 NE	12/23 NE	12/22 N	13/25 NE	11/23 NE	10/22 NE	8/18 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-8/-18	-6/-15	-5/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13	-6/-15	-7/-14
900	-7/-16	-6/-13	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-11	-5/-13	-6/-13
600	-4/-11	-3/-9	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-7	-3/-8	-3/-9
300	-2/-4	1/-2	2/-1	2/-1	2/-0	-1/-3	-1/-3
Glen	1/-4	3/-1	6/2	5/1	5/1	2/-2	1/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	200m	200m	200m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A return to winter on the tops with much colder conditions than of late. Snow fields likely to be hard and icy, with icy stretches along path.

Forecast for Thursday 31 Mar 2022
Weather: Scattered snow showers, most frequent across northern ranges, largely dry in the south towards Knoydart. Sunny or clear spells in between showers. Bitterly cold in the wind. Showers dying out through the evening.

Maximum wind: North 15 gusting 25 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% in the north, 80% in the south

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility very good outside of snow showers, but falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Frequent cloud across northern ranges, bases often around 800m in the morning, 1000m in the afternoon. Further south only patchy cloud near the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius rising to minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 300-400m during the day

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